

$X_2$  is  $(CH_2)_nCO$ , wherein  $n$  is 1; and

F is a carboxyl group.

Applicants also provisionally elect the conjugate wherein the drug species is a protein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the provisionally elected species of claim 1 reads upon a species disclosed in Example 5. See Instant Specification, page 18, lines 1-17 and in Figure 3 (i.e., next to last line of the scheme). The provisionally elected species of drug, i.e., protein, reads upon interferon, disclosed in the instant specification at page 13, lines 1-2 and in Figure 7. Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 13, 15, 18-21, 25-27, 43, 44, 47-49, and 58 read, in part or in whole, on the provisionally elected species.

Applicants respectfully submit that the election of the above-mentioned species does not place an undue burden on the Examiner to perform a complete search of the defined areas. The present species elections are made without traverse to the extent that it is understood that, upon the finding of an allowable species, examination will continue until all species have been examined, or a non-allowable species is found, all in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 803.02.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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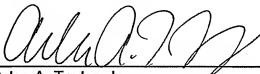
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